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All People	290,648	39,560	785	13.6	0.3	293,198	39,507	767	13.5	0.3	296,275	39,978	1,461	13.5	0.5
Race and Hispanic Origin															
White ³	233,772	27,308	701	11.7	0.3	235,440	27,175	645	11.5	0.3	237,340	27,181	1,105	11.5	0.5
White, non-Hispanic ⁴	194,914	18,833	549	9.7	0.3	195,611	18,378	534	9.4	0.3	196,176	17,738	825	9.0	0.4
Black ³	36,437	9,020	348	24.8	1.0	36,811	9,028	316	24.5	0.9	37,246	9,308	585	25.0	1.6
Asian ³	9,994	1,210	173	12.1	1.6	10,107	1,234	173	12.2	1.5	10,538	1,311	313	12.4	2.7
Hispanic ⁴	42,059	9,207	415	21.9	1.0	43,355	9,588	378	22.1	0.9	45,069	10,285	717	22.8	1.6
Non-Hispanic	248,589	30,353	639	12.2	0.3	249,843	29,919	688	12.0	0.3	251,206	29,693	1,198	11.8	0.5
Age															
Under 18 years	73,032	14,178	413	19.4	0.6	72,992	14,208	395	19.5	0.5	73,132	14,398	754	19.7	1.0
18 to 64 years	182,570	22,400	458	12.3	0.3	184,660	22,265	454	12.1	0.2	186,964	22,419	813	12.0	0.4
65 years and over	35,046	2,982	152	8.5	0.4	35,546	3,033	156	8.5	0.4	36,179	3,161	253	8.7	0.7
Sex															
Male	142,228	17,519	442	12.3	0.3	143,586	17,606	389	12.3	0.3	145,150	17,903	743	12.3	0.5
Female	148,419	22,041	445	14.9	0.3	149,612	21,901	463	14.6	0.3	151,106	22,071	860	14.6	0.6
Educational Attainment⁵ (people 18 years and over)															
Less than 4 years of high school	29,657	7,164	287	24.2	0.9	28,262	7,001	255	24.8	0.8	27,535	6,623	413	24.1	1.3
High school graduate, no college	59,658	7,787	265	13.1	0.4	61,303	7,895	257	12.9	0.4	62,058	8,475	489	13.7	0.8
One of more years of college	128,301	10,431	309	8.1	0.2	130,641	10,402	294	8.0	0.2	133,549	10,483	487	7.8	0.4
Disability Status (people 15 to 69 years)															
With a work disability	25,903	6,355	240	24.5	0.8	25,712	6,431	249	25.0	0.8	25,224	6,261	385	24.8	1.3
With no work disability	179,290	18,709	448	10.4	0.2	181,959	18,765	421	10.3	0.2	184,834	19,157	710	10.4	0.4
Residence															
Metropolitan	241,173	31,040	994	12.9	0.3	238,937	30,256	843	12.7	0.3	237,529	30,464	1,772	12.8	0.6
Nonmetropolitan	49,475	8,520	968	17.2	1.1	54,261	9,250	700	17.0	1.0	58,746	9,514	977	16.2	1.4
Region															
Northeast	53,832	6,761	348	12.6	0.6	53,744	6,610	320	12.3	0.6	53,868	6,684	488	12.4	0.9
Midwest	64,888	8,116	390	12.5	0.6	65,087	7,921	333	12.2	0.5	65,375	7,964	650	12.2	1.0
South	104,790	16,034	497	15.3	0.5	106,387	16,255	558	15.3	0.5	108,016	16,451	1,005	15.2	0.9
West	67,138	8,649	412	12.9	0.6	67,979	8,721	422	12.8	0.6	69,017	8,879	722	12.9	1.0

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Family Status																	
In families	242,714	29,476	747	12.1	0.3	244,399	29,556	713	12.1	0.3	247,293	29,897	1,389	12.1	0.6		
With related children under 18 years	155,945	25,127	727	16.1	0.5	156,339	25,093	685	16.1	0.4	157,526	25,460	1,277	16.2	0.8		
In married-couple families	186,115	13,820	628	7.4	0.3	187,699	13,712	568	7.3	0.3	190,714	14,202	858	7.4	0.5		
With related children under 18 years	115,272	11,031	609	9.6	0.5	116,094	10,827	531	9.3	0.5	117,825	11,336	747	9.6	0.6		
In families with a female householder, no husband present	43,996	13,803	511	31.4	1.0	44,179	13,945	461	31.6	0.9	44,165	13,894	902	31.5	1.6		
With related children under 18 years	32,929	12,591	498	38.2	1.3	32,712	12,745	459	39.0	1.2	32,610	12,750	896	39.1	2.2		
In families with a male householder, no wife present	12,603	1,853	183	14.7	1.4	12,522	1,898	182	15.2	1.4	12,414	1,801	279	14.5	2.2		
With related children under 18 years	7,745	1,504	173	19.4	2.1	7,533	1,521	167	20.2	2.1	7,091	1,374	250	19.4	3.2		
Unrelated individuals	47,934	10,084	254	21.0	0.5	48,798	9,950	255	20.4	0.5	48,982	10,081	396	20.6	0.8		
In non-family households	44,425	8,846	241	19.9	0.5	45,462	8,722	248	19.2	0.5	45,891	8,845	369	19.3	0.8		
Employment and Labor Force Status (people 18 years and over)																	
Employed absent from work	2,596	561	40	21.6	1.5	2,482	534	43	21.5	1.6	2,432	476	55	19.6	2.4		
Employed full-time	112,261	4,691	188	4.2	0.2	114,430	4,880	162	4.3	0.1	115,289	5,036	281	4.4	0.2		
Employed part-time	28,998	3,974	161	13.7	0.5	29,035	3,864	153	13.3	0.5	29,394	3,712	258	12.6	0.8		
Unemployed	5,335	2,413	100	45.2	1.4	4,613	2,164	110	46.9	1.7	4,641	2,178	185	46.9	2.7		
Not in labor force	68,425	13,742	369	20.1	0.5	69,647	13,856	347	19.9	0.4	71,386	14,178	675	19.9	0.8		
Marital Status (people 18 years and over)																	
Married	120,879	8,065	322	6.7	0.3	121,606	7,972	277	6.6	0.2	123,354	8,287	488	6.7	0.4		
Separated, divorced, or widowed	42,257	7,759	239	18.4	0.5	42,487	7,711	243	18.1	0.5	42,208	7,650	370	18.1	0.8		
Never married	54,480	9,558	261	17.5	0.5	56,113	9,615	268	17.1	0.5	57,581	9,644	372	16.7	0.6		
Family Size																	
1 person (unrelated individual)	47,934	10,084	254	21.0	0.5	48,798	9,950	255	20.4	0.5	48,982	10,081	396	20.6	0.8		
2 people	67,568	6,004	269	8.9	0.4	66,796	5,802	236	8.7	0.3	65,666	5,622	422	8.6	0.6		
3 people	52,252	5,640	296	10.8	0.5	52,339	5,624	349	10.7	0.6	53,902	5,343	552	9.9	1.0		
4 people	62,393	7,422	406	11.9	0.6	63,407	7,410	400	11.7	0.6	62,595	7,598	695	12.1	1.0		
5 people	34,941	5,290	377	15.1	1.0	35,677	5,511	363	15.4	1.0	37,239	5,765	572	15.5	1.5		
6 or more people	25,560	5,119	468	20.0	1.5	26,181	5,209	389	19.9	1.4	27,891	5,569	747	20.0	2.5		

¹ Monthly and yearly estimates contain different samples. Average monthly estimates include respondent in the sample for one month, whereas calendar year estimates include people in the sample for 12 months. In Wave 9 of the 2004 SIPP Panel, the survey sample was cut by a 53 percent sample reduction; sampling weights adjust for this reduction. Calendar months October, November, and December of 2007 are missing for some rotation groups in the 2004 Panel. For cross-sectional estimates in these calendar months, monthly weights were inflated to adjust for missing rotation groups. This report uses the Successive Difference Replication method for all estimates from the 2004 and 2008 Panel; therefore, confidence intervals for estimates from the 2004 Panel will vary from those previously published in P70-123, "Dynamics of Economic Well-Being 2004-2006."

² A 90 percent confidence interval (C.I.) is a measure of an estimate's variability. The larger the confidence interval in relation to the size of the estimate, the less reliable the estimate.

³ Federal surveys, including the SIPP 2004 and 2008 Panel, give respondents the option of reporting more than one race. These data can be shown in two ways: (1) as mutually exclusive from other race groups, which may be denoted by "alone" or (2) not mutually exclusive with other race groups, denoted by "alone or in combination with other race groups." The figures, tables, and text in this report show race using the first method.

⁴ Hispanics may be any race, data in this report for Hispanics overlap data for racial groups. Data users should exercise caution when interpreting aggregate results for these groups because they consist of many distinct subgroups that differ in socioeconomic characteristics, culture, and recency of immigration.

⁵ In the 2004 and 2008 SIPP Panels, educational attainment variables were incorrectly coded for some respondents starting in Wave 2. Corrected files have been rereleased for the 2008 Panel for Waves 2 to 5, and starting in Wave 6, the corrected values were automatically included in the initial person-level data files. Corrected files were also rereleased for Waves 2 to 12 of the 2004 Panel. These estimates reflect those corrections to the educational attainment variables, and therefore, estimates by educational attainment in the 2004 Panel may vary from those previously published in P70-123, "Dynamics of Economic Well-Being 2004-2006."

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Survey of Income and Program Participation, 2004 Panel. For information on confidentiality protection and sampling and nonsampling error, see <www.census.gov/sipp/source.html>.